

Word of God Lutheran Church
Grow • Build • Serve



Our Mission:
With God's help we are called to be a
multi-generational traditional church, grounded in
the Bible and focused on service in the community
and mission outreach.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Advent • Christmas • **Epiphany** • Lent • Easter • Pentecost
Please refer to the green Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal for service.

ENTRANCE RITE

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness..... WOVS 10
- * Entrance Hymn **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"** LBW 87
- * Greeting WOVS 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOVS 29
- * The Lord be with you WOVS 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

* Alleluia Verse WOVS 31

* Gospel Luke 4:16-30

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day **"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**WOVS 649
- * Apostles' Creed WOVS 32
- * Prayers WOVS 34
- * Share the Peace WOVS 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory WOVS 35

* Offertory Prayer WOVS 35

* Great Thanksgiving WOVS 36

* Holy, Holy, Holy WOVS 36

* Words of Institution WOVS 37

* The Lord's Prayer WOVS 39

"Lamb of God" WOVS 39

† Communion

* Blessing WOVS 40

* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" WOVS 40

* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal WOVS 41

* Closing Hymn **"In Christ Alone"** screen

* Sending

* Please stand as able

† All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to receive communion and assurance of God's forgiveness. *Children who have not been instructed in the sacrament should fold their hands to receive a blessing.*

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;

**⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the just decrees of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a

single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.



Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶ [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are physically unable to come to the altar, **communion** will be brought to you at your seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- **Discovery Class** begins a new session on February 9, at 9:00 AM in room 2. Please contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com for more information. All are welcome!
- *Reminder*, please make sure the church office has your **current contact information**. You can send your updates, such as new phone numbers or addresses, to the church office at wogadmin@woglutheran.org.
- Our **2025 Service Committee Members** are Stanley Fletcher *President*, Victoria Reece *VP*, Jim Arnold *Secretary*, Lars Kuhr, Danny Palma, Nick Pierce, Lisette Rietschier, and Randy Weston.
- *Mark your calendars*, **Line Dancing Class** returns Saturday, February 1, from 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All attending are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Please contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com with questions. Hope to see you there!
- **Children's Ministry Fellowship Activity** will meet on Saturday, February 8, at 10:00 AM. Please contact Tameka Edwards at tameka@woglutheran.org for more information.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, February 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be on Thursday, February 20, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at suegburnett@att.net for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, February 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, February 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, February 20 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at ltcbowler@gmail.com or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the **weekly announcement submission** deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous **Monday** at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to woglutheran@gmail.com.*

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